IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Previously presented) The operating device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the operating device is designed as a touch-sensitive display screen.

3. - 9. (Cancelled).

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Currently amended) An operating device for a medical diagnostic imaging unit, said operating device comprising:

a display screen;

a control unit configured to operate said display screen to enter, in a current value-entering session, at least one examination value for implementing an examination by said medical diagnostic imaging unit;

said control unit being configured to operate said display screen, in said current-value entering session, in a programmed mode in which, in an operating area of the display screen, only a selection key field is displayed, ~~that is~~ said selection key field being activatable to ~~preset~~ select at least one preset value that is preset prior to said current value entering session, said at least one preset value being selected from the group consisting of preset operating values of said medical diagnostic imaging unit and preset parameter values of said medical diagnostic imaging unit;

said control unit being also configured to operate said display screen, in said current-value entering session, in a manual mode in which, in said operating area of said display screen, only a setting key field is displayed, ~~that is~~ said setting key field being activatable to selectively set at least one settable value selected from the group consisting of settable operating values of said medical diagnostic imaging unit and settable parameters of said medical diagnostic imaging unit;

said control unit being configured to display, in said current-value entering session, in a display area of said display screen that does not overlap said operating area, ~~different~~ display elements respectively representing said at least one preset value and said at least one settable value;

said control unit being configured to display, in said current-value entering session, at said display screen, a mode selection field that is activatable to select, as a selected mode, only one of either ~~at a time~~, said manual mode or said programmed mode;

said control unit being configured, in said current-value entering session, to initially maintain all of said display area unchanged and visually unobstructed, when switching between said manual mode and said programmed mode by activation of said mode selection field, until said selection key field or said setting key field in the selected mode is activated after said switching; and

said control unit being configured to display, in said current-value entering session, at said display screen, a trigger key that, when activated, emits a current content of said display area, as said at least one examination value, as an output available to said medical diagnostic imaging unit.

Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The operating device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said control unit is configured to display said display elements as text elements.

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

12. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The operating device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said control unit is configured to display said display elements as graphics elements.

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The operating device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said control unit is configured to display said trigger key at said display screen in each of said manual mode and said programmed mode.

Claim 14 has been amended as follows:

14. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The operating device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said medical diagnostic imaging unit is an x-ray examination unit, and wherein said control unit is configured to display, in said selection key field, a plurality of ~~different~~ selection keys each associated with one anatomical x-ray examination in a plurality of anatomical x-ray examinations, each selection key allowing ~~that respectively allow~~ a user to select said at least one preset value for

~~different~~ the anatomical ~~categories of~~ x-ray examination associated with that selection key ~~examinations~~, and to display, in said selection key field, a plurality of different setting keys that respectively allow manual setting of said at least one settable value for a component of said x-ray examination unit.